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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0018] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0018]        One such reason for returning the fluid to the reservoir 16 might be a rapid deceleration of the vehicle, where, as speed is reduced, more oil is stored in transit and higher sump levels will be required to keep the hydraulic pump primed. In this case, the centrifugal dam effect will be reduced as speed drops, releasing more of the fluid stored in the reservoir for use in the primary sump. In other conditions, a reduction in operating temperature will also reduce the fluid level within the sump 16 again reducing the centrifugal force created on the hydraulic fluid and allowing the fluid in the sump 18 to return to the sump 16 44.